

Senate Resolution 604

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Wane Hailes and the *Courier/Eco Latino* newspaper; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Wane Hailes, publisher of the *Courier/Eco Latino* newspaper, was named 2007
3 Minority Small Business Champion of the Year by the United States Small Business
4 Administration; and

5 WHEREAS, under the guiding and responsible hands of Wane Hailes and the *Courier/Eco*
6 *Latino* newspaper, this outstanding publication reaches both the African American and
7 Hispanic markets in the Columbus, Georgia, area; and

8 WHEREAS, this award recognizes Mr. Hailes's dedication and efforts beyond his own
9 business responsibilities, to advance minority small business interests within the community;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, this weekly publication was started by Wane Hailes in March of 2005 and has
12 grown from its humble beginnings to become one of the leading news media serving
13 minority markets; and

14 WHEREAS, this remarkable newspaper has established a glowing reputation renowned
15 throughout Southeast Georgia for its ability to positively affect advocacy on the part of
16 minority businesses, schools, and civic organizations, as is demonstrated by its receipt of the
17 "Small Business Hometown Hero" award in 2006 from the Greater Columbus Chamber of
18 Commerce and the Regional Award for Minority Small Business Champion of the Year in
19 2007 by the Small Business Administration; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Hailes's commitment to the community is further demonstrated by his
21 service on the Black Business Outreach Committee and the Hispanic Outreach Committee
22 of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, participation in Partnership in Education

1 with Marshall Middle School, and continuous sponsorship and contributions to Hispanic
2 organizations in the local community; and

3 WHEREAS, his dedication to the newspaper is surpassed only by his devotion to his lovely
4 wife Cecelia Howard Hailes and their son Raymond; and

5 WHEREAS, the success of the State of Georgia, the strength of our communities, and the
6 overall vitality of American society depend in great measure upon the dedication of
7 businesses and business people like the *Courier/Eco Latino* newspaper and Wane Hailes who
8 use their considerable talents and resources to serve the needs of the people; and

9 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
10 Wane Hailes and this amazing business be appropriately recognized.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body recognizes the
12 *Courier/Eco Latino* newspaper and Wane Hailes for their valuable service and contributions
13 to their local economy, communities, and customers.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
15 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Wane Hailes.